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SUBJECT: TURKISH OPIUM BAN AND INCB VISIT

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1. HIGHLY GRATIFIED PROSPECT EARLY GREENFIELD/DITTERT TALKS WITH GOT ANKARA.
2. RE HIGH PERCENTAGE HEROIN IN US MADE FROM TURKISH OPIUM, DISCUSSIONS HERE TWO YEARS AGO AVOIDED STRESS ON THEN POPULAR FIGURE 80 PERCENT WHILE EMPHASIZING COPIOUS ENFORCEMENT AGENCY INTELLIGENCE ON TURKEY-FRANCE-US ILLICIT PIPELINE AS SOURCE OF BULK OF HEROIN AVAILABLE US EAST COAST. BELIEVE WASHINGTON AGENCIES CAN SUPPLY MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON THIS POINT.
3. BELIEVE INCB IN ANKARA TALKS COULD USEFULLY STRESS
(A) DISRUPTION TO INTERNATIONAL ILLICIT TRAFFIC CAUSED BY TURKISH SHUTDOWN (RESULTING INTER ALIA IN HEROIN SHORTAGE AND INCREASED NUMBER ADDICTS TURNING IN FOR TREATMENT ON US EAST COAST). (B) FAVORABLE IMPACT TURKISH GOOD EXAMPLE ON AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN, OTHER SOURCES ILLICIT PRODUCTION OPIUM. (C) EXPENSE AND DIFFICULTIES OF EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF LICIT PRODUCTION, (D) VAST BULK OF PROFITS FROM ILLEGAL OPIUM TRADE GO NOT TO PEASANT PRODUCER IN COUNTRY OF ORIGIN BUT TO CRIMINAL ELEMENTS IN TURKEY AND COUNTRIES OF TRANSIT AND SALE, AND (E) IT DOES NOT BECOME MODERN EUROPEAN DEMOCRACIES LIKE TURKEY TO PRODUCE OPIUM. (LAST POINT HAS CERTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL

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APPEAL TO TURKS WHO CONSIDER THEMSELVES DIFFERENT FROM LESS

ADVANCED PEOPLE FURTHER EAST.)

4. THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR PROMPT AND MOST EFFECTIVE EFFORTS
THIS CRITICAL PROBLEM.
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